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SUBJECT: DAVIES CASE: TRIAL

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1. OUR REQUEST FOR PHERSON'S PRESENCE IN NICOSIA DURING TRIAL OF THOSE ACCUSED IN MURDER OF RODGER DAVIES IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE A FORCEFUL REMINDER OF USG INTERESTS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IF THERE IS ANY SIGN OF SLIPPAGE IN GOC INTENTIONS TO PROSECUTE CASE ENERGETICALLY. PHERSON PRESENCE IS PART OF THREE-PRONGED APPROACH AS FOLLOWS:

A) SENIOR FSL WILL ATTEND TRIAL ON A REGULAR BASIS AS EMBASSY OBSERVER. HE WILL SERVE AS PUBLIC SYMBOL OF EMBASSY'S ACCEPTED ROLE, WHICH IS GROUNDED IN CYPRUS LAW, AS INHERITOR OF THE INTERESTS OF RODGER DAVIES IN THE CASE.

B) LOCAL ATTORNEY POLYVIOU WOULD KEEP A "FATHERLY SECRET

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EYE" ON THE TRIAL PROCEEDINGS TO ALERT US TO ANY SLIPPAGE OR WEAKENING IN THE GOVERNMENT'S PROSECUTION FROM THE LEGAL POINT OF VIEW. (WE MIGHT NEED TO EXCEED THE \$250 AUTHORIZED BY REF E FOR THIS EFFORT; THEREFORE, REQUEST AUTHORIZATION OF ANOTHER \$250 FOR THIS PURPOSE.)

C) PHERSON WOULD BE PRESENT IN NICOSIA AS AN IRRE-

PLACEABLE SOURCE WITH COMPLETE MASTERY OF THE EVIDENCE IN THE CASE. HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE CONSULTATION WITH THE PROSECUTION -- WE HAD A REQUEST THIS WEEK FOR INFORMATION WHICH ONLY HE COULD FULLY PROVIDE. WITH HIS ABILITY TO KEEP TOTALLY INFORMED ABOUT THE TRIAL, THANKS TO OUR PLAN PARAS (A) AND (B), HE WOULD IN A POSITION TO ADVISE WHEN AND IF A HIGH-LEVEL DEMARCHE SEEMED REQUIRED. WE DO NOT ENVISAGE THAT HE WOULD ATTEND THE TRIAL ON A REGULAR BASIS.

2. WE HOPE THAT WE ARE CLOSE TO A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION OF THE DAVIES CASE, ALTHOUGH THERE IS STILL A POSSIBILITY OF SLIPPAGE. THE CASE HAS ONLY REACHED ITS PRESENT POINT BECAUSE OF UNSTINTING EFFORT BY THE USG INTERALIA INVOLVING HUNDREDS OF HOURS' WORK BY PHERSON. IT IS ONE OF THE FIRST CASES IN WHICH THE KILLERS OF AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT MAY BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. WE FEEL IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE IF WE FAILED TO OBTAIN A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION BECAUSE WE HAD NOT UTILIZED ALL THE ASSETS AT OUR DISPOSAL. MAKARIOS' ASSURANCE AND PHERSON'S INVOLVEMENT/EXPERIENCE ARE OUR TWO MOST IMPORTANT ASSETS IN A WOBBLY LEGAL PICTURE.

3. BASED ON THE ABOVE, I STAND BY MY CONCLUSIONS IN REF C THAT PHERSON SHOULD BE PRESENT IN NICOSIA THROUGHOUT THE TRIAL.
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